

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2826 - HB 2821

February 14, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all child support liens to be recorded at the appropriate register's or clerk's office in order to be effective against a third party claiming an interest in property subject to a child support lien.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Forgo State Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000

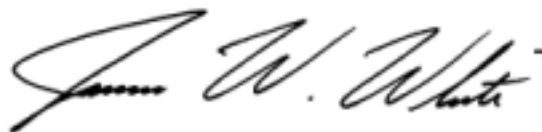
Other Fiscal Impact - Forgo Federal Revenues - Exceeds \$200,000

The Department of Human Services is currently developing an automated system that utilizes an Internet capability to file liens in child support cases. The department invested approximately \$650,000 in the system that will be operative after rules are approved. The department utilizes liens to recover payments made under Families First and reimburses state and federal expenditures in the program

The failure to utilize this method will reduce the additional collections that would be made under the new system. There are currently 186,000 child support cases in arrears. Although a small portion is subject to liens and collection, the new system would create additional collections. The amount of forgone revenue cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000 in state funds and \$200,000 in federal funds.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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